Payments to contractors by NTC, Calcutta

1605. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 3649 in the Rajya Sabha on 29th March, 1988 regarding payments to contractors by NTC, Calcutta and state:

(a) whether the contractors have since submitted their bills with the approvals of the engineers and also the statement of accounts;

(b) whether their claims have also been recommended by some nationalised banks;

(c) whether the civil contractor of Jyoti weaving has made correspondence a number of times and the NTC remained silent till mid of 1987 and had paid all rental charges of NTC's equipment and thus established contract for payment of rental charges to the party as well by the NTC; and

(d) what are the details of correspondence made in the matter between the parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. However, some of the bills are untenable as per terms of contract.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A civil contractor of Jyoti Weaving Factory and the management of the mill has been in correspondence over the issue of settlement of the bills relating to rental charges for the equipments of the contractor left by him in the said mill. The question of payment of rental charges does not arise, as this has not been covered under the terms of contract.

Export performance

1606. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of country's exports from January 1988 to September 1988.

(b) the corresponding figures for the years 1986-87 and the last financial year; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the export perforfance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) According to the month-wise provisional figures available from DGCI&S, Calcutta, India's exports amounted to Rs. 13309.99 crores during the period January-September 1988 as compared to Rs. 10697.05 crores during January-September, 1987 and Rs. 8309.94 crores during January-September, 1986. During the past fianacial year i.e. 1987-88 our exports amounted to Rs. 15741.23 crores.

(c) A series of initiatives have been taken to promote exports. These are designed to generate surpluses for exports, to induce the production of goods contemporary in technology and competitive in prices and to make exports profitable.

Industrial loans sanctioned by banks in Uttar Pradesh

1607. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of industrial loans sanctioned and disbursed by the natoinalised banks to industrialists in Uttar Pradesh during the last three financial years alongwith the names of such industrialists;

(b) what is the total recovery of these loans during this period; and